



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center, CA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The areas targeted for the grant include the city-designated redevelopment neighborhoods of Alkali Flat (44 percent minority), Del Paso Heights (74 percent minority), North Sacramento (77 percent minority), Oak Park (87 percent minority), and parts of South Sacramento (72 percent minority), as well as 18 aging commercial corridors. Del Paso Heights, North Sacramento, Oak Park, and South Sacramento are federal Enterprise Zones. Because Sacramento was



### Assessment Grant

**New  
2004**

**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center for an area-wide brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to identify and prioritize brownfields in five neighborhoods and 18 commercial corridors. Up to 20 Phase I and five Phase II assessments will be performed at high priority sites as part of this effort. The center also is planning outreach activities that include community workshops and a small business counseling program focusing on redeveloped brownfield sites

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

never a large industrial center, most of its brownfields are associated with commercial, smaller industrial, and transportation facilities that were abandoned or underused following the closing of nearby McClellan Air Force Base and the diversion of traffic from nearby neighborhoods following completion of Highway 99. These communities are challenged by declining housing stocks, poverty rates as high as 39 percent, unemployment rates ranging from 5.7 percent to nearly 11 percent, substance abuse problems, and crime.